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general use among the legal profession, has also necessarily required its enlargement."

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Probably a more convenient book for the Pennsylvania practitioner has never been presented. It contains precisely those minute details not to be found in the scientific treatises on legal subjects, but a familiarity with which is assumed. A good form-book is indispensable in every office, to facilitate business. And such a book Mr. Dunlap had already furnished his professional brethren in the three former editions; and in this fourth edition, the new matter and the amended matter are both substantial and valuable additions. We commend the work, as a safe and labor-saving guide, of much value.

AMERICAN LEADING CASES, being Select Decisions of American Courts in several departments of law, with especial reference to Mercantile Law. With Notes by T. I. CLARK HARE and H. B. WALLACE. Fourth edition, enlarged and improved with additional Notes and References to American Decisions, by T. I. CLARK HARE and J. W. WALLACE. In 2 vols. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., Law Booksellers, Publishers and Importers, 197 Chestnut street, 1857. pp. 778 and 829.

The notion of a Selection of Leading Cases was suggested by Mr. Warren, in his "Law Studies" and was practically carried out in England by Mr. Smith. The remarkable success and real value of the plan is fully attested by the numerous editions and increasing demand for the "Leading Cases." The enterprising publishers now present us with the *fourth* edition of "American Leading Cases," which is greatly superior to all its predecessors; some of the Notes are entirely re-written and all of them greatly enlarged, and the principles discussed more fully developed by

copious citations of, and comments upon, the later American Cases. This work should be studied in connection with "Smith's Leading Cases."

"In some of the points," say the editors in their preface, "selected for discussion in the present volumes a reference has been had to the subjects of the American Notes to Mr. Smith's work, so as to complete certain titles by treating of matters not touched in those Notes, yet allied to the topics there concerned. In the American Note to Twyne's Case, in the former publication, the subject of fraud under the statutes of Elizabeth as connected with the retaining of possession on sales of chattels, was discussed; in the present volume the subjects of fraud in voluntary conveyances and in assignments to trustees for the benefit of creditors, the latter of which is quite peculiar to this country, are treated at large. In the note to *Bickerdike vs. Bollman*, the necessity of demand and notice in respect to the liability of the endorsers of negotiable instruments was illustrated. In several notes, in this volume, the negotiability and negotiation of notes and bills and the nature of the demand and notice required are investigated. In the earlier publication, the formation of partnerships and the powers of one partner after a dissolution of the association, were treated; in this, the power of one partner to bind the firm during its continuance, and the rights of joint and separate creditors, and the incidents of real estate held by a partnership are examined. Besides these subjects, the title of agency is exhibited in full, in this volume, in a series of cases. Owing, perhaps, to a peculiar state of society among us, it has happened that the subject of the contracts of infants is capable of being illustrated from the American Reports, with a copiousness of examples and a certainty in principle, which the English books do not exhibit. There is a note accordingly upon that subject. The topics of interest, domicile and application of payments are also discussed; and the whole subject of slander, libel and malicious prosecution is treated in a series of notes."

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ANNUAL DIGEST OF THE LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA, for each of the years 1854, 1855, 1856 and 1857, namely, from 28th May, 1853, to 22d May, 1857; together with some laws of older date, inadvertently omitted in Purdon's Digest; 1700 to 1853. Marginal References, a digested Syllabus of each Title, foot notes to the Judicial Decisions, and a full and exhaustive Index, in which the contents of all these Annual Digests are incorporated in one alphabet. The whole completing Stroud and Brightly's Purdon's Digest to the present date. By FREDERICK C. BRIGHTLY, Esq., Author of the Law of Costs, Equity Jurisprudence, etc. Philadelphia: Kay & Brother, 19 S. Sixth street, Law Booksellers, Publishers and Importers.

We are again furnished with Mr. Brightly's compact and convenient Annual. The learned editor has so fully satisfied the wants of his brethren in the matter of our statutes, that it is only necessary to announce the publication of Brightly's Supplement. It is a work without which no Pennsylvania lawyer can practice with safety and comfort.